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Rave reviews for 'sneak preview' of newly remodeled apartments at Hannam Village



PHOTO BY SGT. JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

Visitors walk through the living room of a newly renovated apartment at Hannam Village's Building D.

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

"I love it. It's just going to be great," said Soonim Long, wife of Chief Warrant Officer David Long, a maintenance officer with the 1st Signal Brigade.

"It's wonderful. It really is," said Anna Wimbush, wife of Chief Warrant Officer Mario Wimbush, collection and analysis division, intelligence section, United States Forces Korea.

These were but just a few of the many enthusiastic comments heard during a walk-through June 22 at Hannam Village's Building D following a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of newly remodeled three, four and five

bedroom apartments.

The showing of the remodeled apartments comprises just a small preview of the improvements that will occur as a result of a broader remodeling plan that is underway at Hannam Village, said Maj. Ike S. Zeitler, chief of housing, Directorate of Public Works.

Both low-rise and high-rise buildings throughout the Hannam Village housing area are included in the plan, he added.

"We are going to be assigning people to this building around the first of July," said Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II. "This is just an example of many of the ongoing quality of life programs that we have."

With kitchens that would allow a cook enough space to prepare meals to feed an army, bathrooms with washer and dryers, spacious living rooms and bedrooms, the new units provide a wonderful combination of comfort and convenience.

"These are much nicer than the old ones. The kitchens are a lot bigger. The living rooms are about twice as big. I think it is much more welcoming," said Amanda Stein, wife of Capt. Joel Stein, logistics officer, 41st Signal Battalion.

"I like everything about it- the bathroom is better with the washer and dryer, the kitchen is bigger and there is a bigger layout all around," said Chief Warrant Officer Long.

"We are scheduled to move into a four-bedroom unit like the one we are standing in, and this will definitely meet our needs," said Air Force Capt. Lee Maynard, who is assigned to the communications and computer directorate, USFK.



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Aimee Crane checks out the new furniture in one of the remodeled units in Hannam Village Building D. Families will be assigned to this building around the first of July.



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Enlarged bathrooms feature new washer and dryer machines.



PHOTO BY SGT. JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

Numerous wood paneled cabinets and new appliances can be found in the spacious new kitchens.

A job well done, Korean national soccer team

By Won Hong-yun

Hangul Editor

In the battle to determine who would advance to the finals of World Cup 2002, the Korea vs. Germany semifinal game took place at the Sang-am World Cup stadium, June 25. It was not only Korea's first time to be in the semifinals of the World Cup, but also the first time that a team from Asia had been represented in the

semifinal round. Since Korea had been doing so well in its recent games, expectations were extremely high.

With the cheers and hopes of all Koreans at their back, the Korean team looked confident. But confidence was not enough to restore the exhausted energy of the Korean players. The two back-to-back 120 minutes overtime-games that the Korean team had recently played

proved too much to overcome. At approximately 30 minutes into the second half, the German team scored the winning goal to beat the Korean team 1-0.

Although the Korean team didn't advance to the finals, it had a tremendous World Cup season. They have brought hope to Asians, and all the people in the world whose countries have never advanced deep

into the later rounds of the World Cup competition.

The final game for the Korean team will be at Daegu World Cup stadium June 29 at 8:30 p.m. The Korean team will be playing the loser of Brazil and Turkey game for third place. Germany will be playing the winner of Brazil and Turkey game for the World Cup championship June 30 at 8:30 p.m. at Okinawa World Cup Stadium in Japan.

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Program Assistant Needed

Administrative Assistant position at Troy State University on Yongsan AG. The assistant works under the supervision of the Program Coordinator and the position entails supporting the Program Coordinator with most site functions. Position starts July 1. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Must be a U.S. citizen or be eligible for SOFA status. Cover letter, resume and a list of three references required. Please submit materials to Joanne Yoon c/o Troy State University, Unit 15556, APO AP 96205-0614 or Education Center, Bldg. 2212, Yongsan AG. For more information call 723-7807.

KNTD photo contest

USFK military and civilian personnel are invited to participate in a photo contest sponsored by the Korean National Tourism Organization. Grand prize is 5 million won! Complete rules and other prizes is listed in the KNTD website at <http://www.photo-korea.org>.

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Date Initially Entered Military Service and Retirement Plan Eligibility

DIEMS is a relatively new entry in each service members' personnel file. The DIEMS date determines which of three retired pay plans a soldier is eligible for and provides information on eligibility for the Career Status Bonus /REDUX retired pay option. The three options are CSB, which is the normal 50 percent retirement at 20 years; REDUX, where the soldier selects a \$30,000 bonus at 15 years with the stipulation being that at 20 years the soldier retires with 40 percent of base pay; or Choice, meaning that you still have time to make the decision at the 15-year mark.

The DIEMS date is the earliest date of enlistment, induction, or appointment in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service as a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted member. A DIEMS date may be the same as or earlier than the basic active service date or basic pay entry date. The DIEMS date should not be later than either of these dates, though. Some situations where the DIEMS date will differ from the BPED include:

- 1) Academy graduate - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier entered the academy.
- 2) Reserve Officer Training Corps - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier began an ROTC scholarship program or enlisted as a Reserve member in the Senior ROTC program, whichever is earlier.
- 3) Break in service - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier initially became a member of a uniformed service, any branch or component, even if the soldier had a break in service and reentered at a later date.
- 4) Delayed Entry Program - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier signed up for the delayed entry program, not the date the soldier came on active duty.

The DIEMS date has been printed on the Leave and Earnings Statements since March 2001. Soldiers should look at their LES to verify their own DIEMS date. If this date is not correct, soldiers should visit their servicing Personnel Service Battalion with supporting documents to make the correction. Soldiers who may be eligible for CSB/REDUX should verify and update their DIEMS immediately. Listed below are the most common categories and the date used to determine a soldier's DIEMS, as well as the documents the service member must provide to verify and update the DIEMS.

- 1) Military Academy Graduates - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier entered the academy or four years before the date of RA commissioning, whichever is earlier. The PSB will need a copy of the soldier's academic transcript in order to verify the date he/she entered the academy. If the soldier had prior enlisted service in either the active component or reserves, the DIEMS date is the date of enlistment. Prior service soldiers must provide a copy of their DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document - Armed Forces of the United States).
- 2) ROTC Graduates - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier began an ROTC scholarship program or enlisted as a Reserve member in the Senior ROTC program, whichever is earlier. The PSB will need a copy of DA Form 597 (Army Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship Cadet Contract), DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document - Armed Forces of the United States), or the date of the advance camp as shown on DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment). The soldier's DIEMS date would be the earliest of these three dates.
- 3) Delayed Entry Program - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier signed the contract for the delayed entry program, not the date the soldier came on active duty. The DIEMS is the date the individual signed DD Form 4.
- 4) Direct Commission or Delayed Commissioning Program - Use the date of signature on DA Form 71 (Oath of Office - Military Personnel). If the soldier had prior enlisted service in either the active component or reserves, the DIEMS date is the date of enlistment. Prior service soldiers must provide a copy of their DD Form 4.
- 5) Break in Service - The DIEMS date is the date the soldier initially became a member of uniformed service, any branch or component, even if the soldier had a

break in service and re-entered at a later date. Soldier must provide a copy of DD Form 4 or any of the above-mentioned documents.

Remember, the sole purpose of the DIEMS date is to establish the retirement pay plan. Soldiers eligible for CSB/REDUX must ensure their DIEMS date is reflected correctly before making their retirement pay election. Other soldiers can update their DIEMS at their next periodic records review. All supporting documents necessary to update the DIEMS date should be available through OMPF On-Line (<https://etransserv.erec.army.mil/>).

For more information on DIEMS and CSB/REDUX, visit the Army Retirement Services Website at www.odcsper.army.mil/retire, or call the theater point of contact at 8th PERSCOM (724-7916).

Captains to be promoted at 38 months

The Army will promote officers earlier to the grade of captain, beginning in October. The new policy will take effect in October with a gradual implementation. Officers promoted to captain in November will have 40 months of service, instead of the current 42 months. Those promoted in December will have 39 months.

A new captain's board is scheduled to meet in November. Those promoted in the spring will have 39-40 months of service and by June the new policy should be fully implemented with all promotions at 38 months. The Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Authorization Act authorized the Army to promote officers to captain after just 36 months of service, but Army leaders determined that 38 months would help solve the shortage and still allow lieutenants developmental time as platoon leaders.

The congressional authorization for early promotions to captain has a sunset clause and expires Oct. 1, 2005. At that time, leaders will need to reassess whether early promotions would still be beneficial.

Urgent Fire Flash - 911 comes to Area II

By John H. Derengowski

Fire & Emergency Services Division

The long awaited emergency reporting number 911 has been installed throughout Area II installations for reporting a fire. However, it does not connect with the Military Police station nor ambulance services. The Fire Department Dispatcher can assist with other emergencies providing the caller gives the following information:

*Caller's name *Address *Phone number *Nature of the emergency

Only DSN telephones may be used to call the 911 number. Callers from off-post or those using a commercial phone must dial 7918-0117 to report a Fire.

Other emergency numbers are as follows:

Agency	On Post	Off Post
Military Police	110	797-4096/4097
Ambulance	116	7917-6132/6139
Fire	911 or 117	7918-0117

Remember, emotions run high during a crisis. Remain calm, have patience and provide the information requested above. Emergency responders will get there as quickly as possible, if you give adequate and clear directions.

MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2002 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person

A Pfc and a Pvt were charged with larceny of property. Investigation revealed the two service members while in a club in Itaewon removed two statues. The service members were apprehended by Korean Police, charged, processed and released to

Military Police. Both service members were transported to the MP station processed and released to their units pending action by their Commander.

A Pfc and a Pvt were charged with failure to obey a general order. Investigation revealed that the two service members were picked up in Itaewon at 3:15 a.m. by town patrol. Both service members were transported to Yongsan PMO, processed and released to their unit and are pending action by their Commander.

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Do You Like to Quilt?

The Yongsan Quilters have a workshop every Monday, come when you can. They make baby blankets for the 121st hospital. For information, call 2256-2683.

Want to Teach a Class?

If you're interested in teaching a class in arts and crafts (cross stitching, calligraphy, embroidery, knitting, etc.), call 723-7568/7724 or email byrdwelchb@usfk.korea.army.mil to discuss a possible contract.

Marksmanship

The Yongsan Marksmanship Club is a private organization that supports off-duty pistol shooting for the military and civilian members of the greater Yongsan community. It meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Shooting takes place at the South Post shooting range, building 1560, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 725-5066.

Pre-move Briefing

Army Community Service relocation readiness department will be hosting the Quarterly Pre-move Briefing on July 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the CSB Building Room 118. All persons desiring to attend must pre-register by calling DeAnna Nix at 738-7186.

The Chosun Gift Shop

The Chosun Gift Shop offers a wide range of items from all over the Orient. Oriental rugs, jewelry, linens, cloisonne and furniture are only a few of the items available at the Chosun. The shop is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed the month of July, it will reopen on August 3.

Red Cross Volunteer Instructors Needed

The Yongsan American Red Cross is in need of currently certified volunteer instructors. We're looking for instructors with enthusiasm and free time to teach, preferably on Thursday or Saturday mornings. Some of the classes currently taught include Adult CPR, CFAS and Infant/Child CPR. For information, contact Mr. Ramlow at 738-3670. You may also stop by our office on the second floor of the USO building on Camp Kim on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Survival Korean

Learn the Korean language and the culture for free. Classes will start July 15 through August 9 at 10 a.m. at Seoul American High School. Call 797-3667/3666 for more information.

Community safety in Area II

By Col. Steve T. Wilberger

Commander, 34th Support Group and Area II

This week I want to discuss the Area II policy regarding Community safety for joggers, bicycles, skateboards, skates, roller blades, non-motorized vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds, Command Policy 10-1. I want to share this policy with you because it promotes safety in our communities and living areas.

The purpose of this policy is to establish safety policies for individuals jogging, operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles and other non-powered vehicles for transportation and recreation on US military installations within Area II.

The policy applies to all personnel using military installations located within the geographical responsibility of the 34th Support Group and Area II.

Responsibilities:

- Commanders and activity chiefs will ensure that all assigned sponsors and family members are aware and comply with the policies and recommendations outlined in this policy.

- All personnel running, jogging, operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, or riding skateboards, scooters or skates on US military installations/off post must comply with traffic rules and regulations set forth in the United States Forces Korea regulation 190-1.

- Drivers of Army motor vehicles and privately owned vehicles will exercise due caution when encountering runners, joggers, bicyclists, skateboarders or skaters adjacent to roadways.

- All guests to the installation will be briefed to comply with traffic rules and regulations set forth in USFK Reg 190-1.

- Guests sponsoring visitors to the installation will ensure visitors are aware of these policies.

General guidance - Many personnel in Area II use motorcycles,

mopeds, bicycles and other non-motor powered vehicles for transportation and recreation. Head injuries are the most common and most severe.

- **Helmets:** All personnel operating or riding on motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, in-line skates, coasters, skateboards, sleds or any non-motorized vehicles on a public roadway, street, bicycle path, parking lot or any other right-of-way under 8th US Army jurisdiction will wear a protective helmet. The helmet will meet or exceed the standards set by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Foundation. The helmet will be equipped with either a neck or chin strap which is to be securely fastened while in motion.

- **Reflective Vest:** Also, personnel participating in these activities must wear a reflective vest. If wearing a backpack, the vest must be worn over the backpack.

- **Headphones or earphones** will not be used when operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skateboards, skates, roller blades or when running or jogging.

Safety policies and guidelines:

- **Individual jogging:** The safety of joggers or runners is an individual responsibility. Joggers are pedestrians and must observe the same precautions as those who are walking when crossing roads.

- Traffic signals and/or stop signs will be obeyed and pedestrian crosswalks will be used when crossing roads.

- Joggers will avoid the use of the main streets and run in single file to the maximum extent possible. Joggers will use jogging paths or sidewalks where available or run on the far-left side of the road, facing traffic when jogging paths or sidewalks are not available.

- Challenging or obstructing vehicular traffic is forbidden. Joggers should yield the right of way



FILE PHOTO

Col. Steve T. Wilberger

to vehicular traffic.

- Jogging during the hours of darkness or inclement weather is discouraged. Joggers or runners who run will wear reflective safety vest visible in a 360 degree arc around the runner. Riding skateboards, scooters or roller blades at night is prohibited.

- Jogging, skateboarding or skating off the installation is highly discouraged. Extreme care must be given to riding bicycles off post in consideration of the heavy traffic volume on the city streets in the metropolitan area.

- **Bicycle safety:** Bicycles are hard to see, and vehicles may change lanes or turn unexpectedly. Bicycle safety requirements and tips for safe operation of bicycles are as follows:

- Bicycles used during hours of darkness will be equipped with front and rear operational lights. The front light will emit visible light a minimum distance of at least 500 ft. (150 m.). The rear light will emit visible light a minimum distance of 100 ft. (30m.)

- Reflective vest will be worn when riding a bicycle at all times.

- Ride close to the right side of the roadway and exercise caution when passing vehicles or pedestrians. Use a bicycle path whenever one is located adjacent to the roadway. Do not ride abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways designed for the

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Free Developmental Screening

Early Intervention Services provides free developmental screenings and evaluation services for children age birth to 36 months. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child talks, moves, eats or plays, call 738-6792/5043. In case of older children, call 736-5214, SAES.

Change of command/change of responsibility ceremony

The 164th Air Traffic Services Group will hold a change of command/change of responsibility ceremony to honor the outgoing command team Lt. Col. Michael J. Klingele and Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Jones and to welcome the incoming command team Lt. Col. Eric S. Johnson, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronaldo N. Ronsario. The ceremony will take place at Falcon Field, SAHS, today at 4 p.m.

Job Announcement

USACCK is soliciting for a Physician Assistant's position with the 121 General Hospital, South Post, Yongsan Garrison. For further information please contact Mr. Wilkins at 724-6991.

Air War College Seminar

Sign up by July 15 for the Air War College nonresident seminar at Yongsan Army Garrison. Weekly seminar meetings start early August and end in mid June. For more information call Laura Dean at 784-4220 or Lt. Col. Michael Pelletier at 723-6295. Forms are available at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm>. Fax your completed enrollment form to Osan at 784-8433 to apply.

Excess Government Property Turn-in

DRMO Bupyong accepts turn-in of excess government property by appointment Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Appointments can be made Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. by calling 722-3374 for nonhazardous property and 722-3890 for hazardous property. For information, call 722-3374.

Learn Cross Stitching

Anyone interested in learning to cross stitch, call 723-7568/7724 for information or email byrdwelchb@usfk.korea.army.mil. Class will be held evenings or weekends.

Starbucks opens on Yongsan South Post

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

Am I at Pike's Market in Seattle? I didn't even have to close my eyes when I went to the grand opening and ribbon cutting held Tuesday at the U.S. Embassy Association to enjoy the ambience of Seattle's finest.

Dignitaries attending the ribbon cutting included Jim Forbes, admin counselor for the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Joan Hubbard, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Korea, Judy LaPorte, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea - United States Combined Forces Command, Chin Koo Chung, CEO and representative director, Starbucks Coffee Korea Co., Ltd, and Jim Pines, chairman of the U.S. Embassy Assn Board of Directors.

Capt. Robert W. Love, Operations Section, Headquarters Detachment, 516th Personnel Services Battalion, came to get his cup of java on his last day in Korea.

"I leave tomorrow for the States, but I just had to get a Grande cup of Starbucks Caramel Latte before I go,"

said Love. "If I were staying longer, I'd be here everyday."

Keith Johnston, who works for the Army Alumni and Career Program, said that he was privileged to frequent the original Starbucks at Pike's Market in Seattle long before it became a franchise.

"I really just prefer the standard, good, strong black Starbucks coffee," said Johnston. "I've been to Starbucks just about everywhere I've traveled. "In fact, I was in a Starbucks in Hong Kong a couple of weeks ago," he said.

The coffee shop is located on the west side of the U.S. Embassy Assn, on 2d Division Road, just up the street from Burger King on Yongsan's South Post.

Tammy Shin, this Starbucks Store manager, has worked for Starbucks Coffee Korea for two years. She said she would love to work for Starbucks in America.

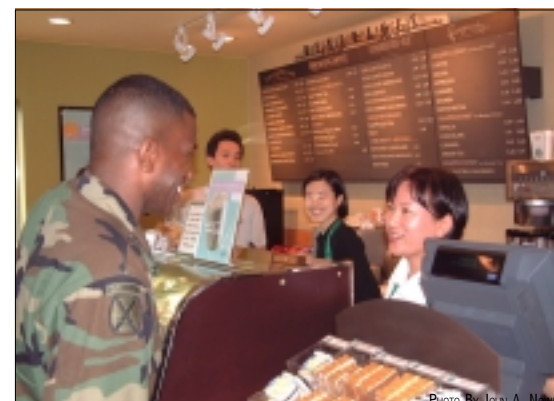


Photo By John A. Nowell
Capt. Robert E. Love, HQs Det. 516th PSB, places an order for coffee with Kyung 'Marie' Kim, a cashier at the new Starbucks store on Yongsan South Post.

"At least, I will have the experience here in Yongsan which will be like representing Starbucks in America."

"The coming of Starbucks to Yongsan is just one more quality of life enhancement to the Yongsan and Area II community," said Love. "It would be another reason I would enjoy staying longer in Korea."

July 1 declared nationwide World Cup holiday

The Korean government has declared July 1 as a public holiday, irrespective of whether Korea will reach the World Cup final. A pan-national festival, celebrating the success of the quadrennial games Korea hosted along with Japan, will be staged July 2.

In a briefing, presidential press secretary Park Sun-sook said, "The government will hold a series of meetings aimed at developing on the enhanced image of Korea and the improved brand power of Korean products."

The first of these meetings will be the conference of economy-related ministers on Wednesday, followed by the post-World Cup meeting to be presided over by the prime minister on July 3 and two other meetings on July 12 and 18.

Park said that the designation of the World Cup holiday, which is only for this year, is intended to give Koreans some time to rest, as they have been ardently rooting for the national team.

The presidential spokeswoman said that the pan-national festival will be staged by the local governments across the country during the evening. Everyone, from ordinary citizens and tourists to World Cup organizers and Korean football players, are invited to the festival.

This package of measures was revealed after being reported to President Kim Dae-jung.


President Kim was quoted as saying, "This World Cup should provide momentum for the nation to cope with regional rivalries that are considered one of Korea's major ills, as previous World Cup hosts Spain and France did."

Second, President Kim said that the improved brand image of Korean products as a result of the successful World Cup should be utilized so that the country can join the ranks of advanced countries.

President Kim observed that it was the time for Koreans to work harder to be better citizens of the global community, accepting the end of the World Cup as the beginning of the "second World Cup" (for the leap forward). (Courtesy of the Korean Overseas Information Service. <http://www.korea.net>)

NEWS & NOTES

ICE has arrived !!

ICE is here and we want to know what you think. Log on to <http://ice.disa.mil> and take a look at our new Interactive Customer Evaluation system. We have over 90 different customer service locations to choose from. Need information? Click on the  icon to get locations, operating hours and other useful information. After you check out our website, tell us what you think. Send an e-mail to ice@34SG.korea.army.mil and let us know how we're doing.

Federal Civilian Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

There will be a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season for eligible Federal Civilian Appropriated Fund Employees through July 31.

Join Cub Scouts

We are looking for a few good boys. If you are entering grades 1-5 you can join Cub Scouts. It involves fun, camping, pinewood car derby, rocket and boat races, trips, friendships and learning about yourself and the community. We are also looking for a few good adults. We need Cub Scout leaders, assistant leaders and a variety of other positions. Both men and women are needed. For more information contact Cubmaster Dionne Morford at 738-7714.

The 2002-2003 Edition of The Seoul Survivor

The latest edition of The Seoul Survivor is currently available from ACS at Bldg 4106. The book contains helpful information for people moving to Yongsan and those already stationed here. It is free of charge. For more information contact Lisa Wood at DSN 738-4168 or snlwood@kornet.net.

EEO/POSH Training Schedule

The training will be held at ACS Building 4106 Training Room A, July 10 and Sep 11. The training time is 9-11 a.m. for Supervisors and 1-3 p.m. for Non-supervisors. To Register, contact Vivian George, 738-4475 or email georgev@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Searching for Bands

Area II BOSS is searching for bands, who play either Rock, R&B, C&W, Jazz or Latin Music to participate in the 8th Army Korea 2002 Battle of Bands Contest. The Contest will be held Saturday, 27 July at Cp. Humphreys CAC. For information and sign up, call Betty Byrd Welch at 723-7724/7568 or 738-5254/5419 in July.

Wayne Newton, Drew Carey, Bo Derek, others to appear at free Yongsan event July 5

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

An exciting lineup of entertainers including Wayne Newton, Drew Carey, Bo Derek, Miss USA 2002 and six Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders will be performing a free show at Yongsan across from Collier Field House at 7 p.m. July 5. Early seating will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"We're really excited about the Wayne Newton Holiday Tour," said Elaine M. Losey, regional director,

United Services Organization, Korea, of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation/USO co-sponsored event.

At the show, there will be a raffle with nice gifts and ample opportunities for autograph seekers to obtain autographs of the stars.

Also, the Korean Ministry of Tourism will honor the entertainers as 'honorary ambassadors to Korea.'

In addition to the performance at Yongsan, other performances have been scheduled for July 4 at Camp

Casey, July 6 at Camp Stanley and July 7 at Osan Air Base. Please call MWR or USO for details on places and times for the shows at those locations.

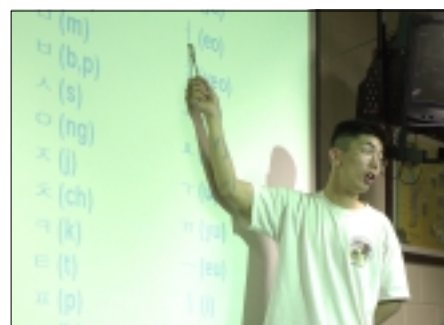
"The troupe will be visiting as many soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines as we can find on the peninsula. They really want to meet the military and thank them for what they do here in Korea. They really love the military, and that's why they have all donated their time to come," Losey said.

July 4 Independence Day celebration

Featuring Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob Band, Eugene Park, a talent show, Korean entertainment and the Eighth U.S. Army band, the July 4 Independence Day celebration sponsored by Area II Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be held 11 a.m. in the Collier Field House area. The all day celebration will include a carnival, food, games for children, contests and a fireworks display.

Shuttle buses will be available between Hannam Village & Collier Field House every 30 minutes starting at 10:30 a.m. at Hannam Village.

KATUSAs offer free language classes



Cpl. Kwon, Chang Hwan, administration clerk of U.S. Army Troop Command-Korea, pronounces Hangul vowel sounds for students in a KATUSA sponsored Korean Language class.

By Spc. Robbie J. Wells

Eighth US Army Public Affairs

Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers of the Eighth US

Army at Yongsan Garrison are offering free Korean language classes to all American service members, family members and Department of Defense civilians stationed in Korea.

There are currently two classes in progress that will run through July. More are scheduled in the fall. Classes are taught by KATUSA volunteers and begin with the very basics of Han-gul. The only cost for the class is about \$6 for the textbook.

"We concentrate on teaching how to read and write Han-gul and essential Korean words," said Sgt. Park, Ki Chang, Senior KATUSA, 8th US Army Troop Command-Korea.

"Students will be able to read subway station names, bus stops and signs in Korean, and speak very useful Korean expressions after completing this class. We are planning to have a tour around

Seoul at least once, so we can do a field training exercise on the language," he said.

The response has been great and there is much interest and enthusiasm on the part of the students.

"I think it is something great that everyone should try," said Spc. Natasha Crichlow, administration specialist, Eighth US Army. "I at least want to learn how to carry on a conversation in Korean."

Park said there are no plans for advanced classes, but as long as there is interest, the KATUSAs will continue to teach.

"We will give you the tools to learn Korean. Go out and learn real world Korean using what you have learned in the class. Learn the language and culture of Korea and make Korean friends. Your tour of duty in Korea will be a great experience," he said.

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Home Alone Self Care Class

The Home Alone Self Care Class, dates are July 3, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., July 31, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., August 20, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Home alone is a class taught to 6th graders to stay home alone for up to 3 hours. The class covers safety, emergency procedures, first aid and more. Registration is required. Call 738-5150.

ACS EFMP Support Groups

Support groups are a great opportunity for parents to share information, talk to specialists about their special needs, concerns or just listen and support other parents or special needs family members. The schedules are:

- Autism Support Group meets the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Services Building, room #124.
- The Hearing Impaired Support Group meets each month in Hannam Village.
- Asthma Support Group and The Diabetic Support Group meet the 2nd Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CSB, room #205. For information, call 738-5311.

Free Korean Classes

Army Community Service is offering free beginners Korean Language classes on Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Classes are held in the Community Services Building, Rm. 118. Interested persons can sign-up in Rm. 205. For information, call 738-7999.

Swim coaches Needed

The Yongsan Barracudas Swim Team needs a head coach for the upcoming summer swim season. This youth activities sanctioned team is for all Yongsan area swimmers ages 6 to 18 years old. We begin practices in late May. Meets start in mid-June and run until mid-August. If you are an experienced swim coach, avid swimmer, or just someone who would enjoy helping a terrific group of aspiring young swimmers achieve new heights, then WE NEED YOU! For more information contact John Loefstedt, (W) 723-6363, (H) 99-795-8272, or Gary Yance, (W) 742-4419, (H) 99-798-7909.

COMMUNITY CLOSURES**Main Post Office Closed**

Main post office closed all day July 4 and 5. South Post post office closed July 4.

Chosun Gift Shop Closed

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed the month of July. It will reopen on August 3.

Quartermaster Laundry closed

Quartermaster Laundry will be closed on July 4 for U.S. Holiday, Independence Day and July 17 for Korean Holiday, Constitution Day.

PCB closed

The Property Control Branch, SOD, 34th Support Group will be closed on July 17 for Korean Holiday, Constitution Day.

The Housing Division opening hours

The Housing Division will be open July 4 morning at 8 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. On July 5 The Housing Division will be open on normal business hours, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

U.S./ROK chaplains participate in Korean War Remembrance Day

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

Chaplains representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, as well as the Republic of Korea participated in a special wreath laying ceremony as part of the Combined Chaplains Korean War Remembrance at the Korean War Memorial near Yongsan Garrison in Seoul June 25.

The wreath laying ceremony was part of the observance of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

The deputy chiefs of chaplains from the Army, Navy and Air Force attended. Navy Chaplain (Rear Admiral) Louis Iasiello serves as both the Navy deputy chief of chaplains and the Marine Corps Chief of Chaplains.

Representatives from each U.S.

and ROK service component presented a wreath at the entrance to the Korean War Memorial. While the wreaths were being placed, U.S. and ROK chaplains, forming two columns, stood on opposite sides of the steps leading to the entrance of the building, creating a mood of solemnity and resoluteness of purpose.

In addition to the wreaths placed by each service, a combined wreath



PHOTO BY JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

The U.S. Army chaplain's wreath at the entrance to the Korean War Memorial in Seoul during the Combined Chaplains Korean War Remembrance Day ceremony June 25.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

The U.S. and ROK chaplains pose for a group photo after the ceremony.

from the United States Forces Korea Command chaplain and the Korean Ministry of National Defense commemorated the special bond between the United States and Korea.

"It signifies for us 52 years of our unity, of our working together, to bring about peace on this peninsula to the

extent that one day the Koreans will be united together," said Army Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David H. Hicks, deputy chief of chaplains.

"This is a great opportunity for me to come over here and see the troops in the field, and to visit them at the Air Force bases and to be here today for this very special occasion," said Air Force Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, deputy chief of chaplains.

"I think chaplains bring servicemembers a great deal of encouragement, a great deal of hope and a real sense of accomplishment in what they do," Hicks added.

Remember to update your BIDS

By Edward R. Knox

USFK Provost Marshal's Office, Security Division

The message that needs to get across to the community is the importance of updating your date expecting return from verseas in the Biometrics Identification System whenever your DEROS changes or your ID card is renewed.

Everyone has a DEROS or ID card expiration date and upon DEROS or ID expiration, whichever is sooner, the BIDS automatically archives that ID card, which means that, although they still may be allowed access to the installation they won't be able to escort anyone. Also at times of increased Force Protection Condition, installation commanders may opt to not allow personnel with archived access media onto the installation. Auto-archiving is done to protect the community from fraudulent usage of access media, as well as to keep the database current by eliminating old data. In July, the USFK Provost

Marshal will be cleansing the BIDS of all old data to ensure the system continues to work efficiently. All old and archived data, based on DEROS dates, will be removed. Folks who have not updated their DEROS will no longer be in the system and therefore will have to re-register which is more time consuming than simply updating the DEROS date in an archived file.

Who does this affect? It affects all DoD ID card holders (active duty, reserve, retired, civilian employees, family members, etc) that have a specified amount of time assigned to Korea otherwise known as a DEROS. Our Korean employees as well as non DOD contractors, vendors and guests of USFK with BIDS produced post passes have expiration dates which are updated when they receive their new USFK access media. When someone receives a new U.S. Government ID card at a DEERS/RAPIDS issue facility they are not automatically registered into BIDS and must go to a BIDS

registration site to register into BIDS or update their DEROS.

So how does one update their access media? Simply go to any BIDS registration site with a copy of your orders showing where your DEROS has been extended. BIDS registration sites include the local Pass & ID offices and like here in Yongsan on South Post at the Community Service Building, bldg. 4106. The folks at the registration site will do the rest. It's possible you'll spend more time going to the registration site than the actual process.

What happens if you don't update your access media? You may find yourself at the gate trying to sign in a friend, dinner guest or business associate only to discover you can't sign anyone onto the installation because you failed to update your DEROS in BIDS.

So avoid possible embarrassment and remain current by updating your DEROS in BIDS as soon as possible.

Keep pets safe during July 4 holiday

Spc. Heather Dunbar

129th Med Det. (vm)

The fourth of July is such an exciting time for all of us. Between the fireworks, the sporting events and other forms of entertainment, there is always a lot going on. For your pet, this can be a very stressful situation. It is important to take some safety precautions to safeguard your pets.

Always remember to keep your pets on a leash. Often, pets are frightened by loud and shrill noises and they will run to find shelter. When animals are frightened, they often won't



respond to your commands. In this situation, make sure that your pets are properly identified. Having tags on a collar is a good way to identify your pet but using microchips is even better. More than 50 percent of dogs and 75 percent of cats are without collars by the time they arrive at animal shelters. A microchip offers a permanent way to identify your pet and most animal shelters have the scanners to look for microchips.

Be alert for signs of stress in your pets. Dogs may exhibit excessive panting or drooling, nervousness and hyperactivity. Cats also may pant or drool, and are much more likely to become reclusive. If you know that

your pet becomes stressed easily, especially if they react with fear to thunder and lightening, you should ask your vet if a sedative would be right for your pet. Please remember to do so ahead of time, because sedatives won't have the desired affect if your pet is already hyperactive. Other measures you can take without sedatives include: Placing your pet in a kennel or an interior room of your house where they can't hear the fireworks. Make sure that your pet has plenty of water and a favorite blanket or toy.



Another thing to remember about Fourth of July is to pick up all fireworks debris. During last year's celebration, one family brought their golden retriever to a clinic in Colorado. The dog had fetched a smoldering firework that caused painful thermal and chemical burns in its mouth. Once the fireworks end, put fragments in a bucket of cold water. Once they are safe to throw away, dispose of them in a container with a lid that a dog or cat can't remove.

Please keep in mind that the fourth of July is one of the top holidays for veterinary emergencies. However, if you take this advice, you and your pets can have a fun and safe holiday.

KORO office opens - Working group identifies problems and solutions

By Dennis K. Bohannon

19th TSC Public Affairs Office

TAEGU — The US Army, Installation Management, KORO (Korea Regional Office), opened in Seoul last week on Yongsan's South Post.

Although the office's humble beginnings in building 4331 will only house a few individuals in the onset, Dennis Ackers, deputy, KORO Transition, says, "We will be rapidly adding people and remodeling the remainder of the building as space

becomes available."

Dozens of staff representatives joined in a peninsula wide video teleconference in the afternoon and early evening of June 11. Maj. Gen. Barry D. Bates, commanding general, 19th Theater Support Command, headed the six-hour conference, which included commanders and key staff members. The conference brought procedures, processes and thoughts into the open and began discussions and the development of detailed functional area milestones in

preparation of the October 1, 2002 change over. The conferences will be a biweekly process in order to ensure that Transformation Installation Management remains an open progression with essential information sharing with commanders.

The 19th TSC has added an information section to the command's worldwide website. The site, located at <http://www-19tsc.korea.army.mil/tim/home.htm> offers visitors the latest news releases, Weekly TIM updates,

Questions and Answers and links to the Transformation Installation Management and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management websites.

Most of those involved with TIM acknowledged that there remain many unanswered questions related to the transformation process, but, Bates says, "Identifying those questions and discussing the challenges they represent puts us on the path to finding the right answers and best solutions for managing installations in Korea."

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Adult Confirmation Class

If you are a baptized Catholic but have not been confirmed, you are invited to join a class in preparation for the Sacrament. For more information, call Liz Austin 749-2153.

Fellowship and Bible Study

PWOC hosts fellowship and Bible study for women of all denominations and faiths Wednesdays 9-11 a.m., Thursdays 6-8 p.m. at the South Post Chapel. Childwatch and home school room is provided. For more information, call 736-8291.

Apostolic Revival 2002

Asia Military District Summer Retreat, sponsored by The Apostolic Lighthouse Service, will be held at Yongsan July 4-7. For more information call 738-6172.

God wants all of you!

By Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain

J. W. Chapman tells the story of a man who made his way across America to California in the days of the Gold Rush and who stayed away from his family for years in his quest for riches. Throughout the years of separation, he never allowed a month to go by when he did not send back to his loved-ones some token of his love. The finest paintings were in their home. The finest adornments of every sort were in every room. Finally, after years of being apart his wife wrote him, saying, "My beloved husband, we are pleased with your gifts, but the time has come when we want you."

Likewise, in our faith journey

through life, God also wants all of you – no fifty percent commitment will cut it. Some Godly believers continue to give Him their all – going the extra mile for the Lord – and have received the rare and sacred blessing of His smile upon their lives. Others have chosen to give God little or nothing of their gifts and person, and hence, they know nothing about the exquisite and over-flowing joy of the Lord.

Wherever you stand with God, may you hear His affirming voice saying to you, "My precious child, I want you and all there is of you to assist Me in building My Kingdom of love in this needy, broken, and loved-starved world." With God's help, let's get to work!

Prayer: Lord, remind us that we



FILE PHOTO

Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress

never begin to live until we commit our lives to Your great and noble cause of spreading Faith, Hope and Love throughout the world! Amen.

Distinctive Faith Group Sunday Services

Episcopal	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
United Pentecostal Church International	1:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church of Christ (Non-Instrumental)	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel

Catholic

Sun	8:30 a.m.	South Post Chapel
Tues	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Sat	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Sun	Noon	Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Sun	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel (Weekly Communion)
	9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
	10 a.m.	"ROCK" Balboni Theater
	10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
	11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
	Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel (Pentecostal/Charismatic)
	7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel

Islamic

Fri	Noon	Memorial Chapel
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ROK Army Korean

<u>ROK Army & KATUSA Protestant Service</u>		
Tues	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Wed	8 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
Thur	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
<u>Korean Christian Fellowship Association</u>		
3rd Tues	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

Jewish

Fri	7:30 p.m.	South Post Chapel
Sat	10 a.m.	South Post Chapel

Experience Korean Buddhism in Seoul



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

The Great Statue of Maitreya Buddha was built in 1996. This statue is the tallest stone statue of Maitreya Buddha in Korea.

By Han Yoon-koo

Associate Editor

Would you like to experience how the Buddhist religion is practiced in Korea?

If so, Bongjeon-sa, located in the center of Seoul, has much to offer.

Bongjeon-sa has for centuries been at the forefront of the way Buddhism is practiced in Korea.

"Since Bongjeon-sa is located in the middle of the capital city of Korea, we try our best to help our adherents to practice Buddhism who live in the city of Seoul. Many temples are located in the mountains so they are very hard to visit. But, since Bongjeon-sa is located in Seoul, it's easier for our adherents and other people who are interested in Buddhism to come and visit," said Jeon Hai Jun, public affairs representative, Bongjeon-sa.

Bongjeon-sa has many famous

artifacts and buildings. According to Jeon, Pan-jeon and Seonbul-dang are the buildings that most represent Bongjeon-sa.

"Pan-jeon has more value than any other building in Bongjeon-sa. This is a storage house for sutras, the holy scriptures of Buddhism, which were carved into the wood blocks. 15 sutras were carved, including the Flower-Garland Sutra and the Diamond Sutra. The Venerable Yeong-ki and Kim, Jeong-hui led this project in 1855. Pan-jeon had been designated as Tangible Cultural Property No. 83 by the Seoul Municipal Government," said Jeon.

Seonbul-dang was used for education in precepts and doctrinal teaching, and for practicing 'Seon,' which means meditation. This building was renovated in 1941 and was also designated as Tangible Cultural Property No. 64 by the Seoul Municipal Government.

"Seonbul-dang was a place for education and meditations. We are proud of the fact that many famous monks studied here and became the top leaders in Korean Buddhism," said Jeon.

To maintain Bongjeon-sa's facilities and to provide food and

other necessities for the monks, people donate money to the temple. There is a unique way of donating money where people buy a tile from the temple and write their wishes on it. These tiles are used to replace older tiles when renovating the roof of the temple. There are also other ways to donate, but wishes are often included in donations. Individuals who believe in Buddhism believe that the Buddha will make their wish come true when their wishes are included with a donation.

According to Jeon, there are several rules to be aware of when visiting a temple.

"When people visit the temples, smoking is not allowed inside the temple. There are

designated areas where you are allowed to smoke in Bongjeon-sa. Also, it is very impolite to wear clothes that are revealing such as low cut dresses or a tank top," said Jeon.

Bongjeon-sa is a Korean traditional Buddhist temple, which was founded in 794 by venerable Yeon-Hoe, the national master monk of the Unified Shilla Dynasty. Bongjeon-sa was originally named the Gyeongseon-sa, but was renamed Bongjeon-sa in 1498 after being reconstructed by Queen Mun-jeong during the Chosun Dynasty.

During the Chosun Dynasty, Neo-Confucianism was the dominant religion in Korea. Adherents of Buddhism were severely oppressed. According to their strict social hierarchy, the Chosun Dynasty treated Buddhist monks as if they were slaves. During that period, monks were not allowed to enter the gates of the capital city.

However, during the reign of King Myeong-jeong, Korean Buddhism met a very important turning point. When King Myeong-jeong inherited the throne, he was too young to govern a nation. His Buddhist-inclined mother, Queen Mun-jeong, provided strong support with her powerful political influence that helped reawaken Buddhism in Korea. With Queen Mun-jeong's support, the reconstruction of Bongjeon-sa became a cornerstone for an early Chosun Buddhist revival.

Ven. Bo-Woo played a key role at this critical period. As the chief monk of Bongjeon-sa in 1548, Bo-woo revived an official system of training and selecting monks in both the 'Seon' (meditation) and 'Kyo' (doctrinal, scholastic) sectors of Korean

Buddhism as it had been first established by National Master Monk Jinul Bojoguksa in the 13th Century. Since then, many famous monks have been educated at the Bongjeon-sa, and Bongjeon-sa has been the central leader of Buddhism in Korea.

"We hope that with our facilities and our location, we can provide and help our adherents of Buddhism to practice Buddhism in a comfortable environment and for other people to learn more about the Korean Buddhism," said Jeon.

Bongjeon-sa

is located near the Samsung station on line number 2. In order to get to Bongjeon-sa, take the subway at the Samgakji station line number 4 and transfer to line number 2 at Sadang. Exit at the Samsung station.



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON-KOO

Pan-jeon is a storage house for sutras, the holy scriptures of Buddhism. Pan-jeon has been designated as Tangible Cultural Property No. 83 by the Seoul Municipal Government.



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Colored lanterns hang in front of Daewung-jun, the main building of Bongjeon-sa. The colored lanterns are hung to create a 'loving mind' in the lantern that will inspire people to love and take care of others.

June 28 - July 4

June 28	The Sum of all Fears	PG 13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
June 29	The Sum of all Fears	PG 13	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
June 30	Panic Room	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
July 1	Panic Room	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
July 2	Murder by Numbers	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
July 3	National Lampoon's Van Wilder	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
July 4	Bad Company	PG 13	Thu. 7 p.m.

"The Sum of all Fears"



Starring
Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman

The fourth film starring Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan character, this time Ben Affleck stars in the role made famous by Harrison Ford. In this installment, European neo-Nazi terrorists acquire a nuclear device and plan to use it at the Super Bowl, blaming the attack on Russia in the hopes of rekindling the Cold War. Luckily, CIA analyst Jack Ryan is on the case.

Rated: PG13

"Panic Room"



Starring
Jodie Foster, Kristen Stewart

Trapped in their New York brownstone's panic room, a hidden chamber built as a sanctuary in the event of break-ins, newly divorced Meg Altman (Jodie Foster) and her young daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with three intruders - Burnham (Forest Whitaker), Raoul (Dwight Yoakam) and Junior (Jared Leto) - during a brutal home invasion. But the room itself is the focal point because what the intruders really want is inside it.

Rated: R

"Bad Company"



Starring
Anthony Hopkins, Chris Rock

CIA operative Kevin Pope (Chris Rock) is suave, brilliant, and right on the verge of completing a top-secret mission to keep a rogue nuclear weapon off the black market when he is suddenly killed. With the clock ticking and no other options available, the CIA reluctantly enlists Kevin's long-lost identical twin brother, Jake (also Chris Rock, of course), to take his place. But since Jake is the mirror opposite of Kevin, a working-class Joe, it's up to veteran CIA agent Gaylord Oakes (Anthony Hopkins) to train him within 9 days to become a spy.

Rated: PG13

July 5 - July 11

July 5	Bad Company	PG 13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
July 6	Return to Neverland	G	Sat. 2 p.m.
	Bad Company	PG 13	Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.
July 7	The Scorpion King	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
July 8	The Sweetest Thing	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
July 9	The Sweetest Thing	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
July 10	Changing Lanes	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
July 11	Changing Lanes	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

For information on movie schedules, call 723-7389.

July 4
Independence Day
celebration

July 4 Independence Day celebration sponsored by Area II Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be held 11 a.m. in the Collier Field House area. The all day celebration will include a carnival, food, games for children, contests and a fireworks display. Shuttle buses will be available between Hannam Village & Collier Field House every 30 minutes starting at 10:30 a.m. at Hannam Village. See page 5 for more information.

July 5
Yongsan event

An exciting lineup of entertainers including Wayne Newton, Drew Carey, Bo Derek, Miss USA 2002 and six Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders will be performing a free show at Yongsan across from Collier Field House at 7 p.m. July 5. Early seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. At the show, there will be a raffle with nice gifts and ample opportunities for autograph seekers to obtain autographs of the stars. Also, the Korean Ministry of Tourism will honor the entertainers as 'honorary ambassadors to Korea.' See page 5 for more information.

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Bus Passes available

PACTMO personnel will be at Hannam Village to hand out bus passes for the next school year on August 16 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. PACTMO personnel will be at Yongsan Main Exchange to hand out bus passes for the next school year on August 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. After these dates, parents and sponsors may stop by the Seoul STO in Bldg 4106, Room 121 to pick up the bus passes. For more information call Charles Morgan, Seoul Student Transportation Office at 738-5032.

Softball Tournament

Yongsan sports will conduct an intramural softball tournament June 29-July 4, Independence day weekend. Tournament will be double elimination with awards and prizes being presented to the four finishers. For additional information contact the sports office at 736-4032.

Taekwondo Classes

Yongsan sports will offer late evening taekwondo classes Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Interested personnel at Yongsan sports office no later than June 30. For additional information contact the sports office at 738-8608.

Lacrosse in Korea

Looking for players to join the Seoul Lacrosse Club, also known as Black Dragons. All ages and skill levels are welcome. If interested please contact Mike Singley at (02) 794-6892 or email Bander1@kornet.net.

MACOM Relocation

The current MACOM Government Travel Charge Card Office, Bldg 2254, room 216, Main Post, Yongsan, is relocating to US Army Installation Management, Korea Region Office, Bldg 4331, 1st Floor, South Post, Yongsan.

Tackle Football and Cheerleading

Youth Services will be accepting registration for Tackle Football and Cheerleading beginning June 17 and ending Aug 2. Youth in 7th-12th grades are eligible. Registration packets can be picked up at the YS gym. A completed physical form must accompany all registration. For more information call 738-8117.

Volleyball Tournament

Yongsan Sports will host an invitational volleyball tournament on July 4 at Picnic Area 6 at Camp Coiner. It is open to personnel within Area II. Team may consist of no more than 6 players, male or female. Tournament will be double elimination open to the first 8 teams to register at the Yongsan sports office no later than July 1. For more information contact the sports office at 736-7746.

Summer Basketball League

Summer basketball league is starting on July 6. For more information call 736-4032.

Pacific Islanders Friendship League

Organizational meeting will be held July 15 at 6 p.m. at the Yongsan Lanes by the front counter. League shall commence bowling operations on or about July 23 or 24 at 6 p.m. Get your team in 4-person mixed teams, comprised of at least, two Pacific Islanders on the team. For more information call Duke Bright at 723-7830.

Budweiser Challenge Bowlers

The traditional end-of-the-month Budweiser Challenge Tournament is a Handicap-type tournament June 30. For more information call Duke Bright at 723-7830.

New sports field makes its debut on Yongsan

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

Yongsan and Area II welcomed a newly renovated Field #12, Tuesday. Community members gathered at the parking lot adjacent to the Collier Field House Tuesday at 2 p.m., to witness the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the newly completed Field #12.

In remarks about the opening of the field, Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II said, "This is the first artificial turf used on any athletic field anywhere on our U.S. military installations in Korea. This appropriated funded project costing approximately \$500,000 is one we're very proud of."

Wilberger mentioned that users are advised to take special care of the field to

protect the surface. "Signs are posted that list a number of things that are not permitted on the field: 'No vehicles, no smoking, no stakes, no metal spikes, no pets, and police the field after use.'" he said.

"This is artificial grass and it doesn't need water. It stays green all year long," said Paul Robinson, director of Community Activities, 34th Support Group and Area II.

"This field will be used primarily for adult and youth soccer as well as flag football," said Robinson. To reserve the field call, Collier Field House at 736-4588 to make a reservation," he said.

Unlike the past, this field can not be used for change of command ceremonies or exhibits of heavy equipment.



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II, is joined by (left to right) Paige Queen, Benjamin Fetter, Kim, Hyun-tae, manager, Bosun Construction Co., Wilberger, Pyo, Woo-hyok, director, Bosun Construction Company, and Kristina Queen. The three youths are participants in the Summer Trek soccer clinic.

Large dining facility awards ceremony



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. CHANG YONG SUN

The Best Large Dining Facility Awards ceremony for 2nd quarter took place at Three Kingdoms Dining Facility on June 17, 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the Best Large Dining Facility Awards Ceremony is to allow the commander to recognize the Three Kingdoms DFAC for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty in winning the Best Large Dining Facility Award in Area II for the 2nd quarter. Three Kingdoms DFAC has won the 1st and 2nd quarters' Best LARGE Dining Facility Award for Area II. They have also won the 19th TSC Connelly Award (Large Category) during 2002.

Small DFAC awards ceremony



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. CHANG YONG SUN

The Best Small Dining Facility Awards ceremony for 2nd quarter took place at the Religious Retreat Center dining facility on June 10, 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the Small Best Dining Facility Awards ceremony is to allow the commander to recognize the RRC for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty in winning the Best Small Dining Facility Award in Area II for the 2nd quarter. RRC has won the 1st and 2nd Quarters' Best Small Dining Facility Award for Area II. From left to right, Sgt. Cynthia Lee and Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II.

Yongsan Lanes YABA stars

as of June 23



Pee-Wees

Name	Score	
Boys		
Arthur Gibbons	114	Scratch Game
	219	Handicap Game

Girls

Lauren Staples	74	Scratch Game
	187	Handicap Game

Bantam

Boys		
Ronnie Harper	109	Scratch Game
Joshua Hault	180	Scratch Series
Ronnie Harper	226	Handicap Game
Joshua Hault	386	Handicap Series

Girls

Tatchin Breedlove	95	Scratch Game
	152	Scratch Series
Jasmine Booth	197	Handicap Game
	392	Handicap Series

Preps

Name	Score	
Boys		
Sean Bard	148	Scratch Game
	426	Scratch Series
Brandon Hault	230	Handicap Game
	644	Handicap Series

Girls

Brianna Endrina	131	Scratch Game
	320	Scratch Series
	205	Handicap Game
Cinnamon Johnson	565	Handicap Series

Jr-Majors

Boys		
Bryson Endrina	190	Scratch Game
Chris Baker	504	Scratch Series
Benjamin Johnson	248	Handicap Game
Joseph Brennan	664	Handicap Series

Girls

Jiovanna Bruce	242	Scratch Game
	686	Scratch Series
	259	Handicap Game
	737	Handicap Series

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exclusive use of bicycles. Do not ride a bicycle on sidewalks.

- Do not carry anything which prevents the operator from keeping both hands free to control the bicycle. Do not cling to a vehicle or otherwise be propelled by a vehicle. Reckless riding of a bicycle is also prohibited.

- Reduce speed during inclement weather, traffic and pedestrian congestion. Always use hand signals when there is no danger of losing control of the bicycle. Be alert for car doors which could be opened suddenly.

- Organized Morale, Welfare and Recreation runs. During organized daytime MWR events, such as, fun runs or bicycling events, where numbers are used for identification, vests do not need to be worn. Vests will be used for all MWR events conducted at night. Vests will be

worn by all road guards used to support MWR events.

- **Scooters, skateboard/skating safety:** Sponsors are responsible for the conduct of their dependents and guests while riding, scooters, skateboards or skating. To ensure that scooters, skateboarding and skating (to include roller blades) is conducted safely and to prevent skating/motor vehicle accidents, the following rules are established:

- Persons riding scooters, skateboards or skating must obey all traffic control devices, unless otherwise directed or posted. It is essential for skaters to show courtesy and respect for others, especially pedestrians.

- Pedestrian crossing areas will be used when skaters cross the roadways. Persons skateboarding will dismount their skateboards when

crossing roadways.

- No person riding a skateboard or skating will be pulled or otherwise propelled by motorized vehicles or bicycles. Challenging or obstructing vehicular traffic is strictly prohibited.

- In addition to mandatory wearing of helmets, skaters are encouraged to use other protective equipment, such as, elbow and kneepads. Youth Service has a limited amount of safety equipment, available for daily check-out for YS registered youths at Hannam Youth Services and the Yongsan Youth Services Centers.

- No persons will propel or ride scooters, skateboards or skates on Yongsan Main Post, Camp Coiner, Camp Kim, United Nations compound, Transportation Motor Pool, Eighth Army Drive, X Corps Blvd, sidewalks on Eighth Army Drive and X Corps Blvd or parking

lots with a high degree of traffic in the South Post area (i.e., Dragon Hill Lodge, Four Seasons, Walker Center, Commissary or Hospital).

Violations should be reported to the Military Police desk at (99) 797-4096. In addition, the requirement outlined above will be strictly enforced by military police. Violators and sponsors of dependents who violate this policy will be subject to administrative sanctions.

If you have additional questions concerning this policy please call our Law and Order office at 738-4361/5295.

By clarifying the guidelines, I hope that this policy proves useful. By helping you to better understand and enforce safety, etiquette and policy issues, we can all make Area II a better place to work and live.

It's swimming season, but be careful!



PHOTO BY SGT. JONATHAN DEL MARCUS

God and country celebration!



PHOTO BY ROBERT BOJING

A God and country celebration was held outside of Hannam Village Chapel June 22. The celebration was the culmination of a weeklong bible school.

SAHS students win scholarship

Exchange New Car Sales press release

The winners of the Exchange New Car Sales – General Motors Citizen of the Year Scholarship competition at Seoul American High School have been selected, and reflect the epitome of civic-mindedness. They are Katherine Foston, Jonathan Kim, and Roger Wong Won.

Earlier this year, Exchange New Car Sales and General Motors provided \$72,000 in scholarship funding for children of active-duty military personnel serving overseas. But unlike most scholarship awards, the Exchange New Car Sales/General Motors Citizen of the Year scholarship rewarded students for their good

deeds, for volunteer work and community service. In addition to their on-going volunteer work, students had to submit a final project.

Katherine Foston, a senior at Seoul American High School, took the \$3,000 first place award. Katherine donated her time and musical talent to younger children in the community teaching them how to play the piano.

Volunteer work is a part of Jonathan Kim's everyday life. He earned his second place \$2,000 award by acting as co-president of the Renaissance Program by his active involvement in the AJROTC Program. Third place winner, Roger Wong Won, also chose volunteering at the Youth Center as his Citizen of the Year

project.

Exchange New Car Sales and General Motors would like to congratulate the winners, their parents and the entire Yongsan U.S. military community. These fine young adults will lead us into a bright future.

Exchange New Car Sales represents the AAFES-NEXCOM New Car Sales Program located on overseas installations throughout the world. The AAFES New Car Sales Program features vehicles manufactured by General Motors, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford, Harley-Davidson and Buell. ENCS has served the overseas military community for over 45 years.

Through personal service and customer satisfaction, ENCS has enabled nearly a half a million military personnel to purchase cars, trucks and motorcycles with exclusive military consumer protections, at prices that are consistent and fair, regardless of rank or location.

In addition, through revenue paid to AAFES for each vehicle sold, Exchange New Car Sales contributes to the quality of life benefits granted to overseas military personnel and their families.

For more information about Exchange New Car Sales-General Motors Citizen of the Year Scholarship Program contact Gina De Haan at 516-921-2800, extension 1703.

Donation helps home for the disabled



PHOTO BY CPL. HAN YOON GOO

From left to right are Haing J. Choi, Korean Social Welfare project chairperson, American Forces Spouses Club, Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander of 34th Support Group and Area II, Connie Draper, assistant manager and volunteer, The American Women's Club Thrift Shop and Reverend Kim Chul, President of Naguenaejip.

The American Women's Club Thrift Shop Association donated five million won and American Forces Spouses Club donated more than six million won to Naguenaejip, a home for the disabled June 20.

The thrift shop generates funds from donations and consignments, said Connie Draper, assistant manager and volunteer, The American Women's Club Thrift Shop.

"It was a wonderful experience to see where the money was going and to see the residence of Naguenaejip. If anyone has ideas to donate money, contact the thrift shop," said Draper.

The American Forces Spouses Club generates funds from the Chosun Gift Shop. All of the profits earned by the Chosun Gift Shop are donated to charity.

"Col. Steve T. Wilberger asked for help, and we decided to donate and help Naguenaejip. I hope with this experience the relationship between Korea and America gets closer. I would like to thank the staffs of Chosun Gift Shop because with out them donations would have never happened," said Haing J. Choi, Korean Social Welfare project chairperson, American Forces Spouses Club.

Food service award ceremony



PHOTO BY PVT. WON HONG YUN

A food service awards ceremony was held June 21 at the 34th Support Group Headquarters to allow the Eighth U.S. Army and 19th Theater Support Command commanders to recognize soldiers and dining facilities for their success in various food service competitions. The awards were presented by Maj. Gen. Bates, commander, 19th TSC.

The awardees from left are, winners of Department of the Army Culinary Competition 8th Army Sgt. 1st Class Pamela R. Hardnett, DFAC manager of 8th Personnel Command and Sgt. Pamela Scott, the first cook in 305th DFAC. Next to them are 19th TSC, Philip A. Connelly Competition winner Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Cage, 305th Quartermaster DFAC manager and runner-up Sgt. Cynthia Lee, Religious Retreat Center DFAC manager. Next to them is runner-up for the Eighth Army Culinary NCO of the Quarter, Sgt. Christian Burga Headquarters Company, 524th Military Intelligence Battalion 305th QM DFAC. Next to them are Eighth U.S. Army Culinary Specialist of the Quarter winner Spc. Christopher Roberts, 305th QM CO/ 305th QM DFAC and Spc. Heather Bernard, 17th Aviation Brigade/305th QM DFAC.

Army to excite youth about math, science

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Army Secretary Thomas White recently committed \$2 million of the service's funds in an effort to get America's youth excited about math and science.

A partnership between the Army and National Science Center Inc., a nonprofit organization, was renewed May 22 during an informal ceremony in White's office.

"Since the beginning of this relationship, which began in the 1980s, the Army has been able to do two things," said Dr. George Fry, the NSC director. "The Army has found a way to get students to take harder math and science courses. Also, teachers, students and parents see the Army in a positive role."

Fry, who has a doctorate in education, said NSC is involved in seven programs, but the one that has opened doors to the Army involves two soldiers in an 18-wheeler.

Last year the Mobile Discovery Center Van stopped at 78 schools across the country and reached more than 25,000 students.

Two Mobile Discovery Centers will be on the road beginning next school year, to

meet the daily requests from teachers and educators across the country, Fry said.

The current van is manned by a team of two former recruiters. It pulls onto school property, invites up to 50 students inside the semi-truck and tells them that they will have fun, and they will learn something. With hands-on activities and interactive conversations, students learn about a number of topics including electricity and sound waves.

"We get the students pumped up," said Sgt. 1st Class David Cundiff, an exhibitor with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "We create a lot of excitement, and hopefully create an attitude so that the next time science is done in the class, they're interested."

The team is not there to teach or recruit, Cundiff said. However, they are planting seeds in the minds of their audience of third-to-eighth graders, he said.

"After the presentation, the students ask about our jobs in the Army, and they think soldiering is cool," Cundiff said. "Most teachers are impressed with the Army's service to the community, and that opens the door for recruiters."

Cundiff was recognized for his work with the students by a Georgia television

station. He was one of 30 people to receive the Golden Apple Award, which recognizes teachers and educational professionals for outstanding achievement. Nominations for the award come from teachers, parents, students and community residents.

Sponsorship from USAREC started in 1992 with one mobile van, but the idea for the partnership came from a Signal Corps general in the late 1970s, Fry said.

Retired Lt. Gen. William Hilsman, a former commanding general of the U.S. Army Signal Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., was responsible for training young soldiers in fairly complex military specialties, Fry said. However, a lot of money and time was being spent on remedial training to equip them with the basic math and science skills, he added.

"When Hilsman talked to his friends in academia, business and industry, he found that students were coming out of high school going into college and jobs lacking the background they needed to be successful," Fry said. "From there the program was born."

Since it's inception, one of the major challenges has been judging its effectiveness.

"We don't control all of the variables, so producing solid research that says we did this and this occurred is difficult," Fry said. "What we do have is anecdotal feedback, which is letters from people who have told us they've gone on to be math or science teachers because of the program."

"We've also received letters from people who joined the military and attributed their interest to seeing positive NCOs."

The NCOs that run the Mobile Discovery Centers are only a small fraction of the military support given to the National Science Center, Fry said. The organization is assigned to Fort Gordon and its mathematics, science and technology center receives support from the Signal NCO Academy, Fry said.

Fort Discovery opened in April 1997 and now has more than 250 participatory exhibits for students. Over the past three years, the NSC has been a leading producer of distance learning programs in Georgia and nationally within the Department of Defense, Fry said.

More information about the NSC can be found on the center's Web site at <http://www.NationalScienceCenter.org>.

Diplomacy now part of Army toolkit

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Diplomacy is becoming more important — and effective — for Army leaders working in the international community thanks to efforts of Christine D. Shelly, said the Army's top uniformed soldier recently.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki expressed that view June 18 during a Pentagon awards ceremony for Shelly, a Department of State employee who has served as his political advisor for the past three years.

Known around the building as the Army POLAD — a short name for political advisor, Shelly garnered the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal from the Army and the Superior Service Award from the State Department at the ceremony.

"The three years Christine has been working with me have been immensely

productive, exciting, and I am doing things today that three years ago I couldn't have imagined," Shinseki said.

One of those unimagined things was sponsoring the first southern European military chiefs of staff meeting last year, Shinseki said. That was a real challenge in getting the military chiefs of Turkey and Cyprus to sit at the same table and freely discuss issues and concerns. That meeting couldn't have happened without the active work and continuous sound political advice of Shelly, he said.

The Army award citation credited Shelly for keeping the Army up-to-date on positions being debated within the interagency community and implementing effective bridge-building initiatives that have brought the Army and State Department closer within the foreign affairs community.

Shinseki said he had never seen the importance of diplomacy in the Army until

the Stabilization Force mission in Bosnia was extended from being one year to 18 months, and then open-ended.

"The easy part of the mission change was putting together a military plan," Shinseki said, who served as the first SFOR commander. "The Army has a lot of bright young officers who have learned to put together a plan on short notice. The difficult part was getting it accepted across the 40-plus nations who were then in Bosnia."

In presenting the State Department award, Louis P. Bloomfield Jr., assistant secretary of State for the Bureau of Political Military Affairs, said Shelly possessed every quality of a successful military political advisor.

Bloomfield listed those qualities: loyalty to the commander she serves; a solid understanding of State Department and military policies and issues; a sharp, analytical mind; solid communications

skills; and tremendous enthusiasm.

The awards ceremony marked the end of Shelly's job as the Army POLAD.

With 27 years on the State Department's Foreign Service rolls, Shelly will continue as both an Army partner and a State Department employee when she assumes duties July 1 as the Army War College deputy commandant for International Affairs at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Her previous positions include: deputy spokesman and deputy assistant secretary for the State Department Public Affairs; delegate of the U.S. Mission to NATO; and minister-counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. She has also served in the U.S. Embassies in Lisbon, Portugal and Cairo, Egypt.

Dr. Rick Becker will become the new Army POLAD on July 29. Becker's previous posting was Panama U.S. Embassy where he served as the deputy chief of mission.

Officer assignments go online

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Army officers will be able to submit their assignment preference statements via the Internet by accessing the U.S. Army Personnel Command homepage early July.

The online preference statement will enable officers, for the first time, the ability to view open valid requisitions that assignment managers are working to fill, according to officials.

"In the past our customers have

only been able to see open assignments on various branch websites," said Jan Frutiger automation branch chief for PERSCOM's Officer Personnel Management Directorate. "With the online preference statements, officers will have a broader view of the positions that assignment managers are working to fill. They will be able to evaluate the special requirements for the position before making their choice."

Branch, grade and area of concentration are the filters for the information that is shown on the preference statement. Officers can make selections specifically by valid and open requisitions, by location or by specific duty such as joint, ROTC or recruiting. The assignment manager will then have immediate visibility to this information as he walks through the decision process for filling a requisition.

"The preference statement is what

the field has asked for," said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt the OPMD director. "It's going to empower officers to better participate in the decisions that impact their career and help streamline and improve the responsiveness of the officer assignment process."

Officers will be able to select their preferences on the PERSCOM homepage by clicking on the officer preference statement dog tag when the option comes online next month.